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S.B. No. 2554

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the appointment of a bailiff for the 130th Judicial District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 53.002(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The judges of the 34th, 86th, 130th, 142nd, 238th, 318th, 355th, and 385th district courts may each appoint a bailiff.

SECTION 2. Section 53.004(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) To be eligible to be appointed bailiff in the 30th, 78th, 86th, 89th, 130th, or 341st district court, the County Court of Harrison County, a court described in Section 53.002(c), a district court in Taylor County, or a county court at law of Taylor County, a person must be a resident of the county in which the person serves the court and must be at least 21 years old.

SECTION 3. Section 53.007(a)(1) is amended to read as follows:

(1) the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 71st, 86th, 97th, 130th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and 385th district courts;

SECTION 4. Section 53.008 is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 53.008. OATH. The bailiffs of the 22nd, 34th, 70th, 86th, 97th, 130th, 142nd, 161st, 238th, 318th, 341st, 355th, and

1 385th district courts, the bailiffs of the courts described in
2 Section 53.002(c), (d), (e), or (f), the bailiffs and the grand jury
3 bailiffs of the district courts in Tarrant County that give
4 preference to criminal cases, the bailiffs and grand jury bailiffs
5 of the criminal district courts in Tarrant County, the bailiffs of
6 the district courts in Taylor County, and the bailiffs of the county
7 courts at law of Taylor County shall each swear to the following
8 oath, to be administered by the judge: "I solemnly swear that I
9 will faithfully and impartially perform all duties as may be
10 required of me by law, so help me God."

11 SECTION 5. 53.009 (1), Government Code is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 (1) Each bailiff appointed by a judge of a district court
14 having jurisdiction in Angelina County or a county court at law
15 judge in Angelina County or of the 130th district court is entitled
16 to receive a salary set by the commissioners court of that county in
17 an amount that is not less than the salary of a deputy sheriff
18 regularly assigned to patrol duty in the county.

19 SECTION 6. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act take effect September 1, 2009.

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